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In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0020] With further reference to Fig. 2, release button 8 includes an outer member 10 providing a desired appearance. The outer member 10 is secured to an inner member 11 having a generally cylindrical outer surface 12 that slidably engages the sidewall 13 of cavity 14 in shift knob 9. With further reference to Figs. 3 and 4, inner member 11 (also called a “slide member” herein) includes an extension 20 (also called a “plunger” herein) having a generally cylindrical shape. An annular groove 21 is formed near the end 22 of extension 20, and a longitudinal groove 23 extends generally parallel to the axis 24 of the extension 20. The annular groove 21 includes a base wall 25, and sidewalls 26 and 27. A resilient O-ring 30 is made of an elastomeric material, and is positioned in the annular groove 21. The O-ring 30 seals against the base wall 25 of annular groove 21, and also sealingly engages the cylindrical sidewall 29 of cavity 31 formed in knob 9. The groove 23 terminates at an end portion 28 to provide selective metering of fluid flow through the groove 23.